Khurda Road Bolangir Project

384. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that construction of Khurda Road-Bolangir rail project is moving at a snail's pace which has triggered resentment among the local public;

(b) whether this project was sanctioned in 1994-95; and;

(c) if so, what is holding its speedy execution and what is the time-frame within which it would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) The work of construction of Khurda Road-Bolangir new line project, included in the Railway Budget in 1994-95, is being progressed as per the operational priority of the project and the availability of resources. The Final Location Survey has been completed. Land has been acquired partially. Earthwork and bridgeworks have been taken up from Km. 0.00 (Khurda end) to Km. 36.00 of the project length. The budget outlay for the project has been increased substantially from Rs. 10 crore during 2005-06 to Rs. 23.00 crore during 2006-07 to speed up the progress of work during the year. No target date of completion of the project has yet been fixed.

HIV infected railway employees

385. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large percentage of both the Western and Central Railway employees of Mumbai Division have been afflicted by the HIV-virus.

(b) if so, what is the percentage thereof;

(c) which specific section/class of employees in Railways, is infected by this dreaded disease; and

(d) if so, what steps his Ministry has taken in this regard, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) *In Central Railway, Mumbai Division:* Out of 268 employees found infected with HIV virus following is the distribution amongst various categories of Railway employees *viz*

Group 'D'	126
Group 'C'	141
Group 'B'	1
Group 'A'	0

In Western Railway, Mumbai Division: Amongst the employees found infected with HIV infection highest number is amongst Group 'D' employees.

(d) Following steps have been taken to prevent and control HIV/AIDS in Mumbai Division of Central and Western Railway.

1. *Collection of correct information about number of persons infected with HIV Virus*

1.1 **Testing facilities:** HIV testing facilities are available in Mumbai Division both in Central and Western Railway. HIV testing is done in accordance with National Aids Control Organisation guidelines for pre and post test counseling.

1.2 **Voluntary Counseling and Testing Centres:** Voluntary Counseling and Testing Centres are operated at Jagjivan Ram Hospital, Western Railway, Dr. Babasahib Ambedker Memorial Hospital, Byculla/ Central Railway.

1.3 **Uro-Genital Clinic:** Uro-Genital Clinic manned with a Dermatologist, Gynecologist have been developed at Mumbai.

1.4 All steps are being taken to ensure that the number of screening tests with proper counselling is increased.

2. *Prevent spread of HIV virus*

2.1 **Education and training:**

(a) Doctors and Staff: All doctors of Mumbai division of Western and Central Railway have been trained and training of most of the paramedical staff has also been completed.

(b) Information Education Communication activities:

Various Information, Education and Communication activities such as Exhibitions, Street Plays, Lectures, Quiz Competitions, Rallies, Distribution of Education Material and Condoms are being perfomed in co-ordination with respective State AIDS Control Societies and Mumbai District AIDS Control Society.

2.2 **Universal work precaution at work place**: Guidelines are being followed, Staff trained in the same and periodic re-training is conducted.

2.3 **Blood transfusion:** Guidelines are being followed.

2.4 **Condom availability:** All Health Units and Hospitals of Mumbai Divisions of Central and Western Railway are distributing condoms.

2.5 **Post exposure treatment:** Free Anti Retroviral Treatment medicines are made available within 24 hrs. of needle-stick injury.

Work Place Intervention Programme: Work Place Intervention Programmes have been initiated.

2.6.1 The sensitization workshops are organized for Administrators, Community Leaders and Trade Union Representative and Medical Officers.

2.6.2 A group of Peer educators have been trained to carry out workplace intervention. This group include volunteers, both female and male,who are serving railway employees.

2.6.3 Focus group discussion with employees on HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases are being carried out based on assessment of knowledge levels of the employees.

3. *Management of HIV positive persons*

3.1 All registered HIV persons are being followed up in Mumbai Divisions of Central and Western Railway.

3.2 Medical Officers have been identified to interact and follow up the HIV positive persons.

4. *Treatment of AIDS cases*

4.1 All eligible AIDS persons in Mumbai Divisions of Central and Western Railway are being provided free Anti Retroviral Treatment. Patients are being followed up. After necessary investigations including free CD 4 count, free Anti Retroviral Treatment is rendered to needy persons.

4.2 All case are being managed as per latest recommendations. Medicines are being supplied to patients.

4.3 Continuing Medical Education Programme have been conducted to train Medical Officers in Anti Retroviral Treatment management and post exposure prophylaxis.

Advertisments issued by Railways

386. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:
SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of advertisements issued by his Ministry with the photo of the Railway Minister since May, 2004; and

(b) the amount of money, which has been spent, on these advertisements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU) (a) About sixty eight (upto October 2006).

(b) About Rs. 6.85 crore.

Wagon placement

387. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the wagon placement is cancelled at Angadippuram, Malappuram district of Kerala as a part of new policy on split placement of rakes and placement at various depots;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, whether the split placement of rakes and placing at various depots have resumed in few States like Bihar and Jharkhand; and

(d) if so, whether steps would be taken to resume the above in Karala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. Wagon placement at Angadippuram was cancelled as it was found uneconomical and operationally not feasible.